

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ETHAN PIERCE FIELDS

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ethan Fields. Ethan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 251, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ethan has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Ethan has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ethan has become a warrior in the tribe of Mic-O-Say. Ethan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project where he painted parking curbs in the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ethan for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 70 IN JUDITH GAP, MONTANA

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on Flag Day, to recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 in Judith Gap for its patriotism and successful efforts to honor our nation and flag.

In 2014, the auxiliary unit teamed up with American Legion Post 70 to begin Flags on Main Street. Flags on Main Street is a grassroots, community-driven project. The initial goal of the program was to mark patriotic holidays with the American flag flying on every business, home, and building on the main street passing through Judith Gap. The ALA unit purchased flag holders and flags, and members went door-to-door to bring the program to life.

Businesses and residents along the main street welcomed the unit's patriotic spirit, and the people of Judith Gap began placing flag holders on prominent locations beyond the main corridor so that our flag could fly throughout the town on patriotic holidays. American Legion Post 70 coupled Flags on Main Street with their local flag education program. Flags on Main Street continues to enjoy widespread, enthusiastic support in Judith Gap.

The flag of the United States of America is a symbol of freedom. Its stars and stripes rep-

resent our founding, our republic, and our unity. As Ronald Reagan said, "The colors of our flag signify the qualities of the human spirit we Americans cherish. Red for courage and readiness to sacrifice; white for pure intentions and high ideals; and blue for vigilance and justice."

It is my honor to recognize American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 in Judith Gap for its patriotism, dedication to its community, and its spirit of Montana.

HONORING BRIAN D. PETERSEN

HON. ROB BISHOP

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Brian D. Petersen upon his retirement from over thirty-two years of dedicated service as a public school instructor primarily in the field of Choral Music from Bear River High School in Tremonton, Utah.

Mr. Petersen is a native of Box Elder County, Utah, and received a Master of Education and Bachelor of Arts in Choral Music from Utah State University. A talented and accomplished vocalist, musician and composer, he has taught and mentored thousands of students over the course of his long career, including students from Mountain View High School in Orem, Utah, as well as Preston Idaho High School where he first began.

For many years, Mr. Petersen was a member of the world-renowned Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and has gained national recognition for arranging and composing choral music, including arrangements used for productions associated with various veteran's ceremonial programs, as well as completing arrangements for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is a Member of the American Choral Directors Association, including service as President of the Utah Chapter from 1999 to 2001. Mr. Petersen has shown a willingness to share his talents to enrich the community and is often in demand as a performer, conductor and a judge for choral music competitions nationwide. His career has demonstrated a high standard of professionalism and caring for his craft which has undoubtedly blessed the lives of many people and will continue to do so.

Mr. Petersen is a devoted husband to his wife, Carol Jean, the father of seven daughters, and has ten grandchildren. It is fitting that we recognize and honor him today.

IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN SAMUEL SCHULTZ

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain

Samuel Schultz, a Marine, who was tragically killed April 3 in a helicopter accident during a training exercise in Southern California. Captain Schultz was a six-year veteran of the Marines and third generation in his family to become a pilot. His father is a licensed civilian pilot and his grandfather Albert flew with the Army Air Force in World War II. He died doing what he loved.

A native of my district, Captain Schultz was born in Abington Hospital and graduated from Abington Senior High School in 2008. He went on to college at Penn State University where he enrolled in the Navy ROTC program. After graduating in 2012, Captain Schultz chose to join the Marine Corps and was assigned to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing's 465th Squadron of Miramar Air Station in San Diego. He had also served in Florida, Texas, and North Carolina, and had also been deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit in California. He is an American hero.

Captain Schultz was a smart, funny, genuine young man that loved extreme sports. An annual Mummer with his older brother Eric, Samuel is also survived by his parents Julie and Mitchell. My heart goes out to his family.

Captain Samuel Schultz will be missed by all. We must never forget the sacrifices he and his family have made for our country.

HONORING MASTER SERGEANT BRENT P. SCHOL

HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, as a former Command Sergeant Major, I would like to take this time to recognize a fellow Non-Commissioned Officer who has dedicated his life to the United States Army and to this country. Master Sergeant Brent P. Schol will retire from the United States Army after a lifetime of service to this nation. Brent has been the epitome of a particular line in the Non-Commissioned Officer Creed, which continues to inspire me to this day: "No one is more professional than I." As part of a long, strong line of Non-Commissioned Officers dating back 243 years, Brent has done his part to be the backbone of our great Army by consistently doing the two things that we always ask of our NCOs: accomplishing the mission and taking care of America's sons and daughters.

You can say that Master Sergeant Schol has "earned his spurs." Throughout his career, he has served in every aspect on an M1A1/M1A2 Tank from Loader to Tank Commander. Other assignments have included Troop/Squadron Master Gunner, Squadron and Regimental Operations Non-Commissioned Officer, and Company/Troop First Sergeant.

He currently serves on the Cobra Team at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California as a Cavalry Troop Trainer and will retire from the Army on October 1, 2018.

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Brent is a native of Granada Hills, California and was born Sept 14, 1979. He entered the Army on Sept 8, 1998 and attended unit training for armor crewmembers at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The units Brent served with are many. He has served with B Company and HHC, 1st Battalion, 34th Armor; HHC, 1st Battalion, 72nd Armor; A Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; H Troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; HHT, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment; D Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment; D Co and C Co, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment; HHBN, 4th Infantry Division; 7-10 and 2-1 CAV; and Operations Group National Training Center. His deployments have included a deployment to Kuwait in 2001 and to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2005.

His military education includes the Basic Leader's Course, Advanced Leader's Course, Senior Leader's Course, Air Assault School, Battle Staff Non-Commissioned Officer Course, and the M1A1 Master Gunner Course.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star medal, three Meritorious Service medals, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor, six Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement medals, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign medal with 2 bronze stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer professional development ribbon with numeral three, five Good Conduct Medals, three Overseas Service Ribbons, and two Meritorious Unit Citations.

Brent is finishing his Master of Science in Military History from American Military University and will be returning to Santa Clarita, CA upon retirement. Brent is married to the former Julie Anna Curtis and has one daughter named Madison.

On this Army birthday, it seems fitting to say thank you to Master Sergeant Schol and his family and wish them good luck as they open a new chapter in their lives.

"Centurions!"

CONGRATULATING MAVERICK MCPEEK ON HIS TITLE

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Maverick McPeek, a senior from Dakota High School, for earning the 220 pound Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in Wrestling.

Maverick McPeek defeated his opponent 3-2 to claim his title as state champion, and I would like to recognize Maverick for his tremendous accomplishment. Maverick's dedication and passion for his sport meant that he was determined to win gold and cap off his season of 40 wins and 2 losses. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. Ian is an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see him represent Dakota, Illinois throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Maverick McPeek on his state title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing him every success in the future.

HONORING NURSE ENTREKIN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fran Entekin for his long career of medical service to the Gainesville community.

For 50 years, Nurse Entekin has served local children and families. She began her career as a medical assistant for Dr. Buddy Langston in 1968 and then became a pediatric nurse in that practice. She started to work for the Longstreet Clinic in 1995 and, in 2004, became the first nurse to work at the Longstreet Clinic's Wee Care Office.

This June, Nurse Entekin will retire from the Longstreet Clinic, but not from caring for young people, as she plans to focus on her eight grandchildren.

The legacy she leaves is one of passion and commitment. After caring for four generations of families, Nurse Entekin is beginning a new season.

I am proud to honor Nurse Entekin for the decades she has invested in Northeast Georgia patients and the compassion she has spread throughout our community as a whole.

HONORING MR. JOSEPH HARPER, JR.

HON. ELIZABETH H. ESTY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Ms. ESTY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Mr. Joseph Harper, Jr. and recognize his contributions to the State of Connecticut and the Town of New Britain. Joe passed away on May 20, 2018 at the age of 70 after a long life of dedicated service to his community.

Joe was born and raised in New Britain, Connecticut and was a lifelong public servant to our state. After graduating from the University of Connecticut, Joe obtained a Master's Degree in Public Administration and later earned another Master's Degree in International Studies from Central Connecticut State University.

Joe began his long public service career as an Alderman and mayoral aide for New Britain, before serving an impressive 16 years in the Connecticut General Assembly. Joe was first elected to the State House of Representatives, serving 2 terms before being elected to the State Senate, where he served a further 6 terms. In the Senate, Joe was an essential member of the Appropriations Committee, where he served as co-chair and a key advocate for New Britain and the communities of Central Connecticut. After his retirement from the General Assembly, Joe continued to serve Connecticut by working as a Deputy State Treasurer, as a Vice President of Central Connecticut State University, and as the Vice

President of Government Relations at The Hospital for Special Care.

Just as he worked with a dogged determination throughout his distinguished career, Joe committed the latter years of his life to leading a healthy lifestyle. Through his years of hard work, Joe lost more than 450 pounds after leaving elected office.

Mr. Speaker, Joe Harper led a remarkable career and enthusiastically lent his talents to improve New Britain and Connecticut. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his life and memory here today. My condolences go out to his sister, Mary Ellen, and his family. Those of us who knew Joe will cherish his memory, and his legacy will live on in our community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 7, 2018, during consideration of H.R. 5895, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2019, I recorded an erroneous vote on amendment number 26, offered by Ms. LEE of California. I intended to vote yes on roll call vote number 247.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, SAN BRUNO

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the founding of St. John's United Church of Christ in San Bruno, California. This church has been a rock of comfort and hope for an entire century, and the community joins with me in extending these good wishes.

San Bruno was incorporated as a city in 1914. St. John's was founded soon thereafter by German immigrants and first met in the homes of its congregants or, a few years later, in Carpenter's Hall. By 1920, the city of San Bruno had about 1,500 residents and by 1921 the congregation had outgrown its earlier locations and a church building was erected. The congregation thrived.

In the 1930's, multiple orders of churches merged and ultimately formed the United Church of Christ. The motto of the new denomination was "That they may all be one." Today, the congregants come from diverse ethnic backgrounds. Families from throughout the world, and even those who originally worshipped in different denominations, have joined to form the community of St. John's United Church of Christ.

The church participates in multiple charitable activities, including providing disaster relief, offering contributions to St. Anthony's Dining Room and to the San Francisco Night Ministry. Its values of faith, love and inclusion lead the church to support all and to value each human being, no matter how little a person may have.